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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 January 2002.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 05 January 2000 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1) The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it is not on a separate page.

Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Claim Objections

2) Claims 1-3 are objected to because of the following informalities:

Referring to claims 1 and 2, the claims should end with a period instead of a semicolon.

Referring to claim 3, the word -- form -- should be replaced with "from".

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3) Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claim 2 recites the limitations "the root section" and "the turbine blade". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claim recites the limitations "to first hook" and "the first hook holding key". There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The claim discloses variables "E" and "R", however the claim does not define said variables.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

- 4) The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

- 5) Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Rathi et al (U.S. Pat 5,285,572). The claimed invention reads on Rathi as follows:

Rathi discloses a method of determining machining instructions during machining of a workpiece using a machine having a cutter (col. 8 lines 20-21, whereby a “milling machine” inherently contains a cutter), and whereby the surfaces of the workpiece are defined by a plurality of programmed instructions obtained by trigonometric analysis of required curvatures of the surfaces (col. 3 lines 35-54).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

- 6) The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

- 7) Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Rathi as applied above, and further in view of Shiohata et al (U.S. Pat 4,245,950).

Rathi discloses the method of determining machining instructions shown above. Rathi also discloses that trigonometric analysis of the required curvatures of the surfaces comprises a graphical construction of the required surfaces relative to the application of the cutting tool to the

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required curvatures of the item being machined and that the graphical construction consists essentially of a trigonometric analysis (col. 3 lines 35-54 and col. 8 lines 3-27). However, Rathi does not disclose that it is specifically the root section of a turbine blade which is being machined, nor that a root section would comprise at least one hook holding key.

Shiohata teaches the construction of turbine blades whereby hook holding keys are used in the root section to attach the blades to a rotor (col. 2 lines 39-45).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to utilize the method of determining machining instructions shown by Rathi to analyze specifically the root section of a turbine blade and also to utilize a hook holding key in the root of a turbine blade since the method shown by Rathi can be used for machining any part having a contoured surface (Rathi, col. 1 lines 8-10) and since the use of hook holding keys is well known in the field of turbines (Shiohata, col. 3 lines 53-55).

Conclusion

8) Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander J Kosowski whose telephone number is 703-305-3958. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Leo Picard can be reached on 703-308-0538. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-746-7239 for regular communications and 703-746-7239 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-305-3900.

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